



State Advisory Panel

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State Advisory Panel Meeting
December 12-13, 2013
Marriott Macon City Center

December 12, 2013 – Room 306 - Centreplex Conference Center

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1:00 – 1:15	Welcome Panel Member Introductions	<p>Meeting was opened by Steve Derr, Chair. Introductions were made by those in attendance.</p> <p><u>The following panel members were present:</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Scott Bales</td> <td>Candice Norris-Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Brown</td> <td>Denise Burrell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Derr</td> <td>Fanthnecia (Nicey) Dunbar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morgan Felts</td> <td>Juree Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pam Hunter Dempsey</td> <td>Kristie Johnson-Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jacqueline Little</td> <td>Brian Mosley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Newton</td> <td>Danette Rogers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laurie Smith</td> <td>Cathy Smith-Jackson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tangye Teague</td> <td>Paul West</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natalie Whitlow</td> <td>Melissa Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donnie Winokur</td> <td>Nancy Woods</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">LeAnne Worley (for Kyle Berry)</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Bales	Candice Norris-Brown	Susan Brown	Denise Burrell	Steve Derr	Fanthnecia (Nicey) Dunbar	Morgan Felts	Juree Hall	Pam Hunter Dempsey	Kristie Johnson-Gregory	Jacqueline Little	Brian Mosley	Mike Newton	Danette Rogers	Laurie Smith	Cathy Smith-Jackson	Tangye Teague	Paul West	Natalie Whitlow	Melissa Williams	Donnie Winokur	Nancy Woods	LeAnne Worley (for Kyle Berry)	
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1:15 – 2:30	ASPIRE	<p>Elise James, GaDOE</p> <p>Houston County is working on district-wide implementation of ASPIRE. For SY 2013-15, Houston will train new teachers and increase students to half caseload.</p> <p>In Capacity Building now. Will turn this over to GLRS; allotted \$5,000 for each GLRS to determine how to implement and gather data. East Central GA, N GA, Middle GA, SE GA, and NW GA received mini-grants. CCaR Project providing training to their districts.</p>																								
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK																									
2:45 – 4:00	ENCORE Planning the Road Trip of a Lifetime	<p>Laurie Smith, Parent to Parent of Georgia</p> <p>Parent to Parent of Georgia provides training for youth entitled ENCORE! Encore is an 8 module series designed by young adults with disabilities. It helps students begin to prepare for their future after high school. The module is co-taught by an adult and youth with a disability.</p>																								

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*Dinner & Public Comment will be held in the Grand Salon Room inside of the Marriott Hotel		
6:00 – 7:00	DINNER – (provided)	
7:00 – 8:00	Public Comment & DOE Updates	There were no public comments. Zelphine Smith-Dixon provided updates from the Division of Special Education Services & Supports.

December 13, 2013 – Grand Salon - Marriott Hotel

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7:00 – 8:00	BREAKFAST (provided)	
8:00 – 9:00	Committee Meetings	<p>All committees will meet and report out to the group:</p> <p><i>Operating Procedures:</i> Denise Burrell reported - Committee is interested in receiving application for SAP membership from adult with disability.</p> <p><i>Dispute Resolutions:</i> Paul West reported – Summary of case reviewed by committee - The case involved a question of FAPE. Case was dismissed due to lack of burden of proof provided by plaintiff.</p> <p><i>Public Comment:</i> Susan Brown reported - reminded committee that our scheduled speaker for Public Comment last night cancelled. Suggestions were offered to use PTA and other organizations to inform parents of the opportunity to bring comments. Additional suggestions include using social media and having a coordinated announcement for members to share.</p> <p><i>Family Engagement:</i> Melissa Williams reported - P2P information was very helpful for SAP members</p>
9:00 – 10:00	Parent Mentor Family Engagement	<p>Anne Ladd, GaDOE Family Engagement Specialist in the Division for Special Education Services and Supports. Ann offered to help get the word out for parent involvement and public comment. Susan Brown made suggestion to use video clip to promote. Engagement was defined as supporting school goals and child’s learning anyway, anytime.</p> <p>Volunteering was referred to as those who show up during the school day or during extra-curricular activities. SAP has a history with Parent Mentor Partnership. Currently, there are 92 districts with 100 total mentor positions. The website is still the same www.parentmentors.org but the content has been updated.</p>
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK & CHECKOUT	
10:30 – 11:00	Parent Engagement	Michelle Tarbutton Sandrock, GaDOE Title I, Part A provides for “substantive parental involvement” at every level of the program. As schools are looking to build robust programs, they now have standards (6) to guide program

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		development. Emphasis on communication – printed resources (i.e., Transition Toolkit), online resources. 2014 is a year for Family Engagement Conference to be held in Athens, January 9-11. Online sign-up is available through December 20. Professional Development offerings are listed on website including webinars, workshops, FE Process and Planning, compliance.
11:00 – 11:30	PTA Update	Angel Little, Chair, GA PTA Family Engagement Angel shared with SAP members that PTA is a natural partner to parent family involvement. Upcoming events February 4 (Youth Day at the Capitol) and March 4 (Family Engagement Day) offer opportunities for SAP to share the word about our work.
11:30 – 12:00	Topics of Interest and wrap-up	Steve Derr, Chair Next meeting is February 13-14. Possible themes to consider include PR campaign and Persons with disabilities themselves (Centers for Independent Living). GA Virtual schools and how they address needs of SWDs; un-parented students (McKinney-Vento services) also need to be considerations for Panel. Interest was expressed in having personnel who could address change in assessment.

Please note that the times listed above are approximate and may change except the public comment period. Every effort is made to begin the public comment at the appointed time. Pursuant to proposed Panel Policies and Procedures, a full 30 minutes is always allowed even if the start has been delayed. Comment time is limited 5 minutes per speaker so that all have a chance to be heard. For individuals desiring to make comment via telephone conference call, comment time needs to be scheduled with the SAP Chair a minimum of 3 business days prior to the meeting.